

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between:

Group I, claims 1-8 and 21-23, characterized by the Examiner as being classified in class 257, subclass 405; and

Group II, claims 9-20, characterized as being drawn to a Method, classified in class 438, subclass 288.

The Examiner alleged that Groups I and II are related as process of making and product made. The Examiner further alleged that the inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different process or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process. According to the Examiner, in the instant case, a materially different process that does not include a step of making the conductive particles insulative at a periphery thereof could make the device of claim 1.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-8 and 21-23, without traverse. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims.

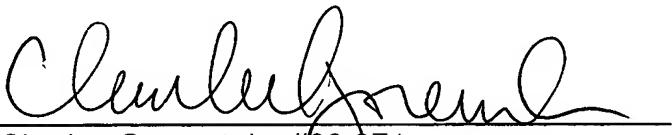
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Demetra R. Smith-Stewart (Reg. No. 47,354), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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